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HERSETH SUPPORTS NEW LEGISLATIVE LINE-ITEM VETO TO CUT DOWN ON WASTEFUL SPENDING

Rescission Authority Would Shine a Light on Unnecessary Pork, Add Transparency

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Herseth said, "This bill would shine a light on wasteful spending and provide for a

The bill differs from previous versions of a line-item veto. Most significantly, the

Additionally, the bill:

- limits the president to submitting five rescission requests per bill, or ten for a
- prevents the president from repeatedly targeting a single spending item by r
- includes a Sense of the Congress that the president should not use the line-
- contains an automatic sunset in six years, meaning that two presidential ad

A previous attempt at a line-item veto in the 1990's did not meet constitutional mus

Herseth added that a line-item veto is just a starting point: "We can and must do

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